

SENATE No. 1794

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony W. Petruccelli

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting health care providers from violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anthony W. Petruccelli

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROTECTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM VIOLENCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13I of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the language in the section and inserting in place thereof the following language:

Section 13I. Whoever commits an assault or assault and battery on an emergency medical technician, an ambulance operator, an ambulance attendant, or a health care provider as defined in section 1 of chapter 111, while said technician, operator, attendant, or provider is treating or transporting a person in the line of duty, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more than two and one-half years, or by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or both.